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SUBJECT: OPERATION SHABA: CONGOLESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT

1. ACCORDING TO MARCH 11 FBIS, ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF THE CONGOLESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FNLC) CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE ATTACKS ON ZAIRIAN TOWNS IN WEST SHABA. FYI, GENERAL NATHANIEL MBUMBA, GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS HEAD OF THE KATANGAN GENDARMES, IS PRESIDENT OF THE FNLC WHICH DESCRIBES ITSELF AS A POLITICAL/
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MILITARY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE OVERTHROW OF MOBUTU.

2. SUGGEST FOLLOWING BE ADDED TO CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE -II:
QUESTION: A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE CONGOLESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ANNOUNCED IN PARIS MARCH 11 THAT IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS ON THREE ZAIRIAN BORDER TOWNS. CAN YOU GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS GROUP?

ANSWER: THE CONGOLESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IS AN
OPPOSITION GROUP FOUNDED IN ANGOLA IN 1963. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY
FORMER KATANGA GENDARMES WHO SUPPORTED MOISE TSHOMBE, THE EX-
LEADER OF THE BREAKAWAY PROVINCE, AND IS SAID TO BE LED BY
GENERAL NATHANIEL MBUMBA, FORMER HEAD OF THE KATANGA GENDARMES.
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